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The Russo-Romanian pressure in the Dobruja continues, and the enemy losses are serious.

The Austro-Germans claim an important victory in the Hermannstadt district in Transylvania.

A new Government has been established in Crete, headed by M. Venizelos and Admiral Comandouriotis.

Russian and Italian newspapers demand the immediate removal of King Constantine.

A report from Naples states that Greece has declared war on Bulgaria.

BRITISH LINE

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VERY SEVERE FIGHTING

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A London Territorial battalion carried out a successful raid north of Neuville St. Vaast, entering trenches and taking prisoners.

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The steamer Copenhagen has left New York for Melbourne.

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The Army Council has commandeered sole and upper leather, and will allow five per cent. on the purchase money.

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